

RECOGNIZING HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND HUNTINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR REPRESENTING WEST VIRGINIA IN THE 2015 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a team of talented students from Huntington High School and Huntington Middle School in Huntington, West Virginia, for their participation in the 2015 Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln May 15–16. Their participation is a first for any school from West Virginia and is testament to the great accomplishments of West Virginia students in the subject areas of science, technology, engineering and math.

It is these students that are our future engineers, mathematicians, physicians, and if the results from this competition are any indication, our future is in great hands. I also want to recognize the teachers and other volunteers that made this event possible to attend for the students. The knowledge and passion they convey to the students is certainly reflected in the impressive work that they do.

In closing, I would like to list the names of those who represented the great state of West Virginia at the 2015 Science Olympiad National Tournament:

Science Olympiad team members from Huntington Middle School include: Team Coach Leann Haines, Tess Anderson, Beth Bell, Khaled El-Shazly, Allyson Ey, Elena Ferguson, Shylah Johnson, Phillip Murphy, Kayla Patrick, Rankin Payne, Sam Pittman, Clara Poling, Perin Schray, Isaac Sutherland, Megan Wolf, Demetrios Svingos, Cassidy Woodrum.

Science Olympiad team members from Huntington High School include: Team Coach William Strait, Adam Cordingley, Sarah Cordingley, Denise Dawley, Omar Salem, Abdullah Hijazi, Alicia Bird, Zach Perry, Triston Poston, Will Frazier, Kyle Grimes, John Holbrook, Phillip Murphy, Thad Taylor, Steven Richbart, Yazan Khader and Levi Parett.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE
WILLIAM HUFF III

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a respected public servant and outstanding citizen, the Honorable William Huff III, Tax Commissioner of Talbot County, Georgia. Sadly, Mr. Huff passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Funeral services to celebrate his life will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Central High School Gym in Talbotton, Georgia.

A life-long resident of Talbot County, Georgia, William Huff was born on November 11, 1945, the youngest of six children. After graduating from Ruth Carter High School in Talbotton in 1963, he enrolled in Fort Valley

State University in Fort Valley, Georgia, where he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and was recognized in Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities in 1966. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Upon graduation, Mr. Huff returned to Talbot County and taught at Ruth Carter High School from 1968–1970. During this time, he also was a part-time car salesman at Meadows Motors in Manchester, Georgia.

In 1971, Mr. Huff was elected to the Talbot County Commission at the young age of 26, launching a career in public service that would span more than 40 years. Moreover, Mr. Huff's election to the Talbot County Commission earned him a place in history as the first African American elected to office in Talbot County as well as the youngest African-American County Commissioner in the state of Georgia. In 1988, he became the first African-American Tax Commissioner in Talbot County. Not one to rest on his laurels, Mr. Huff also was a trailblazer in the business community, becoming the first African-American Ford dealer in the state of Georgia in 1975.

Further demonstrating his enduring commitment to his community, Mr. Huff served on numerous boards, including the Talbot County Planning Commission; Upson Technical College; the Independent Farming Association; and the Ford Motor Association. He was appointed to the United States Selective Service System Board in 1998 and was also appointed to the Governor's Council on Aging by former Georgia Governor George Busbee.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." William Huff is one such great soul, who served humanity in a special way. He devoted nearly four decades of dedicated service to the people of Talbot County through his meaningful contribution of energy, skill, and genuine passion. He was an honorable human being who loved deeply and, in return, was deeply loved. His impression on this earth extends beyond himself to the very wellbeing of Talbot County, and for it he will be remembered by the community for time to come.

On a personal note, Mr. Huff was a dear friend of longstanding. I have truly been blessed by his friendship, counsel and inspiration throughout the years.

William Huff is survived by his wife, Emma Jean; children, William Vincent, Reginald, and Jamie; eight wonderful grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District salute Commissioner William Huff for his dedicated service and exceptional impact on Talbot County, Georgia. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Mr. Huff's family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, if I was present during the end of yesterday's vote series, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 259 and "nay" on rollcall No. 260.

HONORING LAURA ELIZABETH ALLIAH PERKINS FOR ACHIEVING PERFECT ATTENDANCE WHILE ENROLLED IN THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HER SENIOR YEAR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize Ms. Laura Elizabeth Alliah Perkins, a recent graduate of McFatter Technical High School. Laura was honored at the Broward County Public Schools fourth annual Best-in-Class and Perfect Attendance Awards ceremony on Thursday, May 7, 2015, and again on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Broward County School Board Meeting.

The Best-in-Class Award is an accolade presented to students who have been continuously enrolled in Broward County Public Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, who have perfect attendance. This is a remarkable achievement and it is an immense honor of mine to recognize Laura for her unwavering devotion to education.

Having never missed a single day of school for a total of 2,340 days is no small feat. Furthermore, in a show of appreciation, various community and business partners have joined together to provide Laura and fellow honorees with an assortment of gifts and supplies that will assist them as they continue their journey towards higher education.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to commend Ms. Laura Elizabeth Alliah Perkins for her dedication and commitment to education. She is a shining example of student success. I wish her all the very best as she begins studying at the University of South Florida this fall, and know that she will make her community and the state of Florida proud.

TRIBUTE TO RACHEL JACOBS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep sadness to pay tribute to a remarkable person, Rachel Jacobs, who was among those who tragically lost their lives in the Amtrak accident in Philadelphia last week. Rachel was the eldest daughter of my close friends, Gilda and John Jacobs, was the wife of Todd Waldman, and a loving mother to her young son, Jacob.

The accident has been devastating for those who knew and loved Rachel Jacobs, and for